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**METHOD FOR CONNECTING THE BELT ENDS OF TRANSPORT BELTS, AS WELL AS
TRANSPORT BELT AND CLOSURE AID FOR CARRYING OUT SAID METHOD**

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*"Verfahren zum Verbinden der Bandenden von Transportbändern sowie Transportband
und Schließhilfe zur Durchführung dieses Verfahrens"*

[Method for connecting the belt ends of transport belts, as well as transport belt and closure aid for carrying out said method]

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